

THREE BRILLIANT BALLS FOR CHARITIES TO PRECEDE LEIT

Time Honored Charity Ball Was Success in Every Way—Week to See Several Officers' Weddings

WITH the exception of Mrs. John Sanford's dinner of a few nights ago at her home in East Seventy-second street there have been no large private entertainments to note. The dinner was one of more than sixty, the guests including the debutante element of society and some of the young officers who have been in service at home and abroad and who now have received honorable discharge. A few came in after dinner for a vaudeville and dance.

The time honored charity ball, so many years a feature of New York social life, has again passed into history and the managers in spite of numerous drawbacks due to the present unsettled conditions have reason to be satisfied with the result. It was one of the most picturesque balls ever given for the benefit of the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital, this being due to the presence of so many officers in full uniform. The army and navy were splendidly represented and there were many officers of the Allies, whose uniforms lent a great amount of color. The entire dancing suite of the Waldorf-Astoria was used, dancers going from the grand ballroom to the Astor gallery, thence to the myrtle room and on over again until the small hours of the next morning. In the gathering were noticed debutantes of this and last winter who had their first chance for a big dance in nearly two seasons, the ball having been dispensed with last winter.

For some seasons a dance has been given each winter in aid of the hospital work of the New York City Visiting Committee of the State Charities Aid Association, but last year it was omitted because of the war. It is now proposed to hold the dance on March 1 in the ballroom of the Colony Club and that night will be made important in society as many dinners will be given before the dance. This visiting committee is one of the oldest institutions of New York having been instituted just after the civil war.

The executive officers are Mrs. Henry B. Barnes, Mrs. John H. Huddleston, Miss Helen C. Butler, Mrs. Louis Isenburger, Mrs. Roderick Byington, Mrs. Arthur Kavanaugh, Mrs. John A. Church, Jr., Mrs. C. Grant LaFarge, Mrs. C. William Kinnicutt, Dr. Duryea, Mrs. William Dore Morgan, Miss Anna S. Evans, Mrs. George Notman, Miss Daisy Gaus, Mrs. Arthur W. Swann, Mrs. F. H. M. Hamilton, Mrs. Norman B. Walker, Miss Louise Fabre, Mrs. Frederick L. Luger and Henry B. Barnes.

Mrs. William D. Morgan will act as hostess that night, and among the patronesses will be Mrs. E. Henry Harriman, Mrs. Frederick W. Whitridge, Mrs. Joseph Clark Baldwin, Mrs. James Byrne, Mrs. Edward B. Hewitt, Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, Mrs. John T. Pratt, Mrs. Francis C. Cabot, Mrs. Frederick L. Cranford, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. Cleveland H. Dodge, Mrs. Paul Tuckerman, Mrs. Edward S. Harkness, Mrs. F. Louis Slade, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Walter Damrosch, Mrs. William Schuyler, Miss Georgiana Schuyler, Mrs. Barrington Moore, Mrs. L. Case Ledyard, Mrs. Walter B. James, Mrs. Pierre Jay, Mrs. John Henry Hammond, Mrs. J. Horace Harding, Mrs. Edward Van Ingen, Mrs. Howard Townsend, Mrs. F. Delano Hitch, Mrs. Shepard A. Morgan, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany and Mrs. Thomas M. Rianhard.

Tickets at \$5 each may be obtained of Miss Adah Marks, Hotel Vanderbilt and of Henry B. Barnes, 67 East Ninety-first street.

Lent begins March 5, and there is being arranged to celebrate Mardi Gras, which comes the previous day, a costume ball to be given at the Ritz-Carlton on the night of March 4 for the benefit of the New York Auxiliary of the Southern Industrial Educational Association. For several years a Mardi Gras ball has been held under the auspices of this committee, but last year it had to be given up. The work of this association covers the Appalachian region from West Virginia to the Gulf States, where live many thousands of poor millions of mountaineers who by reason of remoteness are almost entirely deprived of education. During the war not a single man had to be drafted in Breathitt county, Kentucky, all having volunteered before the draft became effective, many of the volunteers being under or over the draft age.

The association is making great efforts to raise funds to continue the establishment and support of industrial schools among these Americans, whose ancestors were among our best soldiers during the French and Indian wars and the American Revolution.

The officers of the association include Mrs. Algonzo Sydney Sullivan, Mrs. Mary Van Buren Vandepool, Mrs. H. Hartley Jenkins, Mrs. J. Riddle Goffe, Mrs. Livingston R. Schuyler, Mrs. Eugene Frayer and Mrs. Juan M. Ceballos. Among the managers are Mrs. James J. Macdonald, Mrs. William H. Burr, Mrs. B. Hewitt Parsons, Mrs. James E. Pope, Mrs. William N. Guthrie, Mrs. Walker J. Hines, Mrs. W. Gerry Slade, Mrs. Charles H. Seiff, Mrs. John W. T. Nichols, Mrs. Harden L. Crawford, Mrs. Martin W. Littleton and Mrs. Henry Spadone.

It is proposed this year to have the ball of an Oriental character and the ballroom will be decorated with rich hangings which will be lent from one of the noted studios. There will be a queue of the carnival and members of the suite to be chosen from the prominent young women of society. Applications for tickets can be made to Mrs. Dinwiddie, Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

For the benefit of the Darrach Home the organization connected with that institution and known as the Foyers will give a dance at the Ritz-Carlton on the night of February 23. This home has been in existence for years. It looks after crippled children, teaching them to be self-supporting and fitting them for a trade. It is supported by voluntary contributions.

The patronesses for the dance are

Mrs. Frank Milton Black, Mrs. Frank Dodd, Mrs. Edwin W. Lancaster, Mrs. James Reginald Foster, Miss Juliet Smith, Mrs. Charles H. Guye, Mrs. Frederick West MacDonald, Mrs. Monique Howard, Mrs. E. Carson Pennell, Mrs. E. Wyckoff Harris, Mrs. Walter Wood Parson, Mrs. Louis Sayre Kerr, Mrs. Henry B. Shyback, Mrs. Christopher M. Lother and Mrs. E. D. Forest Simmons.

Tickets at \$2.50 each may be had from Mrs. Frank M. Black, Hotel Gotham.

Officers of the Quartermasters' Corps have arranged a military ball to be given in the ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania on Wednesday night for the benefit of the welfare department of that corps. Capt. John P. Miller of the staff of the zone supply office is at the head of the committee of arrangements and in addition to dancing to the music of two military bands there will be an entertainment by musical and theatrical stars. Secretary of War Baker will be the guest of Brig.-Gen. Harry E. Wilkins and Mrs. Wilkins, who with their daughter, Miss Margaret Wilkins, will receive. The guests will include many persons prominent in military circles, some of whom will come from Washington on a special train. Capt. Miller will present the guests. A buffet supper will be served.

Among the patronesses are Mrs. Harry E. Oelrichs, Mrs. L. E. Wilson, Mrs. Francis J. Kelley, Mrs. Charles J. Asplund, Mrs. J. R. Holt and Mrs.